United States Mint Opens Sales for Bronze Medal Honoring Secretary of the Treasury Jacob J. Lew

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WASHINGTON – The United States Mint (Mint) has opened sales for the bronze medal honoring Secretary of the Treasury Jacob J. Lew.

Struck at the United States Mint at Philadelphia, the three-inch bronze medal (Product Code 17MA) is priced at $39.95. The obverse, designed and engraved by Mint Sculptor-Engraver Don Everhart, features a portrait of Jacob J. Lew with an American flag in the background and the inscriptions "JACOB J. LEW" and "76TH SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY."

The reverse design, also by Everhart, and engraved by Mint Sculptor-Engraver Joseph Menna, features a depiction of the Statue of Liberty and the Main Building on Ellis Island alongside a quote from Emma Lazarus. The inscriptions read "I LIFT MY LAMP BESIDE THE GOLDEN DOOR" and "EMMA LAZARUS."

The Treasury Department has a longstanding tradition of striking an official medal for each Secretary of the Treasury. The Mint produces the medal under the general authority of 31 U.S.C. § 5111 (a) (2), which states that the Secretary may prepare and strike "national and other medals" if it does not interfere with regular minting operations. Since the 1890s, the Mint has prepared, struck, and distributed medals for 33 of the 35 Senate-confirmed Secretaries.

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